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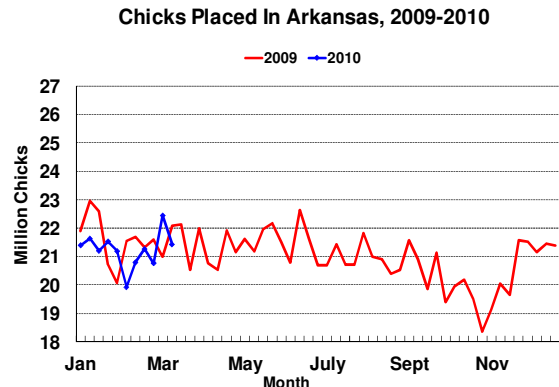
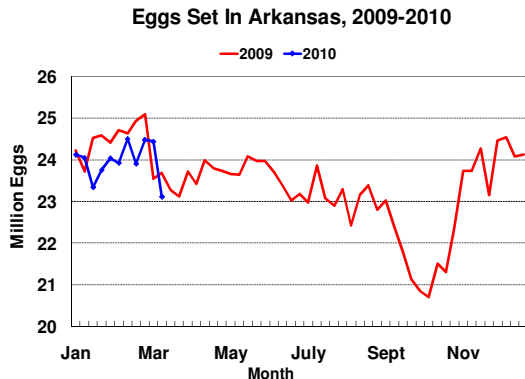


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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.4 million during the week ending March 13, 2010. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2009 and down 5 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 13, 2010, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down 5 percent from the previous week.



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 13, 2010 - March 13, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,791	30,080 *	30,106	30,030 *	29,667	20,296	20,884	20,739	20,883 *	21,449
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>24,504</b>	<b>23,906 *</b>	<b>24,481</b>	<b>24,439 *</b>	<b>23,114</b>	<b>20,798</b>	<b>21,265</b>	<b>20,773</b>	<b>22,446 *</b>	<b>21,430</b>
Delaware	3,269	3,266	3,264	3,193	3,782	4,512	3,911	5,629	3,625	4,581
Florida	1,352	1,376	1,385	1,338	1,303	1,029	1,104	1,040	1,037	1,030
Georgia	31,630	31,902	31,747	31,594	31,691	26,329	25,852	26,205	25,847 *	25,946
Kentucky	7,493	7,830 *	7,553	7,655 *	7,710	6,299 *	6,158 *	6,120 *	6,033 *	6,405
Louisiana	3,392	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,440	2,929	3,014	3,049	3,032	3,021
Maryland	8,904	9,069	9,106	9,062	8,856	5,800	5,808	5,316	6,589	6,115
Mississippi	19,380	19,258 *	19,465	19,349	19,156	16,259	16,617	16,897	17,174	16,809
N. Carolina	18,737	19,134 *	18,763	18,772	18,901	14,868	15,010	15,411	15,299	15,790
Oklahoma	6,807	6,727 *	6,924	6,879 *	7,122	4,557	4,863	4,505	3,172 *	4,658
Pennsylvania	3,620	3,693	3,698	3,692 *	3,615	2,932	2,646	2,609	2,854 *	2,956
S. Carolina	5,515	5,675	5,977	5,643	5,640	4,952	4,982	5,071	5,156	4,841
Texas	15,968 *	16,145 *	15,807 *	15,448 *	15,566	12,245 *	12,966 *	13,173 *	13,249 *	13,376
Virginia	6,490	6,435	6,427	6,549	6,543	4,731	4,948	4,561	5,751	5,212
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,882	18,989	19,647	19,424 *	19,464	16,095	15,812 *	17,185 *	16,869 *	16,236
19 State Total	205,734 *	206,955 *	207,820 *	206,537 *	205,570	164,631 *	165,840 *	168,283 *	169,016 *	169,855
Prev. Year Total	202,817	204,603	206,753	202,111	203,072	167,039	163,431	166,495	167,577	169,505
% of Prev. Year	101	101	101	102	101	99	101	101	101	100

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 13, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 13, 2010. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through March 13, 2010 were 1.67 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.